VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : கட்சுத் தீவு நமக்கே சொந்தமானதென்று உறுதிப்படுத்த ஏதாவது நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : அது இரண்டு விதமானதாக இருக்கிறது. அதைப்பற்றி நாம் பேச வேண்டியதில்லை.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, this is not within the purview of the State Government. It is a matter relating to the relationship between two States' Governments. Therefore, it is only within the competence of Parliament.

Kundah Project

*76 *Q*.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state the expenditure incurred by the Government for the opening ceremony of Kundah Project by the Prime Minister of India?

THE HON SRI V. RAMIAH : An expenditure of Rs. 30,164 was incurred in connection with the inauguration. This includes an expenditure of Rs. 10,500 incurred by the Madras State Electricity Board.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : On what principle do the Government generally spend money on such occasions? Is there any principle governing the spending of money, such large sums of money, for things like this?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : When a large project is to be inaugurated, which is of importance not only to the State but to all India, we have to arrange a fuction of sufficient magnitude or importance to show what we have done. That is the principle.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it for advertisement that the Madras Government have been spending so much money?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : It is not advertisement alone. It is to encourage the workers who have participated in the completion of the project; it is to honour the countries and the great personality that have participated in this project.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Why was not the entire amount spent by the Electricity Board?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The Prime Minister had to come and participate in the inauguration. The expenditure on security arrangements, etc., had to be met by the Government.

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DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Why should the Prime Minister of India come? Why not the Hon. Minister here or anybody else do it? Why incur this huge expenditure?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : It was indeed very kind of the Prime Ministtr to have acepted our invitation to inaugurate.

Dr. A. Sreenivasan rose.

MR. CHAIRMAN :No more questions.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : I will not ask any more questions.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I have not finished my answer. We felt it was only appropriate that the Prime Minister should participate in the function because the project is a great pride of our State. I do not think that we are so stingy as to avoid expenditure on the visit of the Prime Mnister for such functions.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III. ANNOUNCEMENT.

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to announce to the House that under rule 164 (1) and rule 173 (1) respectively of the Madras Council Rules, I have nominated the following members to be the members of the Business Advisory Committee and the Committee on Government Assurances of the Council for one year with effect from 15th March 1961:—

Business Advisory Committee

1. Hon. Chairman (Chairman).
2. Hon. Sri R. Venkataraman.
3. Dr. A. Lakshmanasami Mudaliar.
4. Sri V. K. Palaniswamy Gounder.
5. Sri V. S. Balasundaram.
6. Sri Mohamed Raza Khan.
7. Sri K. Balasubramanya Ayyar.
8. Sri M. Subbiah Chettiar.
9. Srimathi Saraswathi Pandurangam.

Committte on Government Assurances

1. Dr. A. Lakshmanasami Mudaliar.
2. Sri K. Balasubramanya Ayyar.
3. Sri S. P. Sivasubramanya Nadar.
4. Dr. A. Chidambaranathan.
5. Sri S. K. Sambandhan.

Under rule 174 (1), I have nominated Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar to be the Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances.